

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25 as follows:

al _____ In general, the present invention provides for sharing the cost of toll calls on a per-call basis or provisioning for all or select calls during a defined period of time or on an ongoing basis. Provisioning for sharing of toll call cost provides for the parties to prearrange a sharing arrangement and register with a service provider, wherein subsequent calls between the parties are subject to the call sharing arrangement. Alternatively, sharing of toll call costs on a per-call basis will generally require the assistance of operator or special feature services. Regardless of the implementation of the invention, current telephony systems include the necessary infrastructure to facilitate the present invention. However, new and dedicated systems may be provided to facilitate the invention, as those skilled in the art will recognize.